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McManus direct wine shipping bill signed into law

LANSING – After months of negotiations, legislation allowing the direct shipping of wine in Michigan was signed into law today in Traverse City, announced Sen. Michelle McManus, sponsor of one of the key measures. .

“I am so proud and pleased to see these bills signed into law. We have worked so hard to get to this day,” said McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. “Michigan consumers and vintners can toast to the fact that direct shipping has been preserved in our state.”

The legislation, Senate Bill 625 and House Bill 4959, comes after months of negotiations spearheaded by McManus. Her measure allows wineries to ship up to 1500 cases per year directly to Michigan consumers. Sellers would be required to apply for a permit that would allow them to direct ship up to 1,500 cases of wine to consumers each year. Sellers also would be required to submit quarterly reports to the Liquor Control Commission and pay all applicable sales and excise taxes.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down Michigan’s law banning direct wine shipments from outside the state while allowing shipments from in-state wineries because it discriminated against out-of-state sellers.

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